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SUBJECT: KOREAN MOTHERSHIP FLEET

1. DEPARTMENT HAS JUST LEARNED FROM UNOFFICIAL SOURCE THAT ROK PLANNED TO SEND MOTHERSHIP FLEET TO NORTH PACIFIC TO FISH FOR POLLOCK. FLEET REPORTEDLY WILL SAIL FROM PUSAN MAY 6 AND IS BELIEVED TO BE LED BY MOTHERSHIP YU SHIN OWNED BY KOREA WON YANG.

2. DEPARTMENT IS GREATLY CONCERNED OVER REPORT OF FLEET DEPARTURE. ROKG HAS BEEN TOLD ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, OFFICIALLY AND UNOFFICIALLY, THAT POLLOCK RESOURCE IN EASTERN BERING SEA IS BADLY OVERFISHED AND THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY EXPANSION INTO THAT FISHERY.

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3. POST IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM REPORT AND PROVIDE INFOR-

MATION ON TARGET SPECIES, PRODUCTION TARGET, AREA OF
FISHERY, FLEET SIZE, ETC. POST IS ALSO REQUESTED TO CONVEY
TO ROKG GREAT DISMAY OF USG THAT ROK HAS DECIDED TO TAKE
ACTION IN COMPLETE DISREGARD OF U.S. RECOMMENDATION. WE -
WOULD HOPE ROK WILL RECONSIDER ACTION. WE FURTHER ANTICI-

PATE THAT THERE WILL BE SEVERE CRITICISM FROM CONGRESS
AND PUBLIC SHOULD FLEET DEPARTURE BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF RECENT PASSAGE OF U.S. 200-MILE
LEGISLATION TO CONTROL OVERFISHING BY FOREIGN FLEETS. SISCO

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